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(1) “Japanese” Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal, dated April 5, 2005, for counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 11-361064, along with an English translation thereof;

(2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 07-038674, (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published February 7, 1995; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(3) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 08-102877, (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO), published April 16, 1996; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(4) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 08-088790, (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published April 2, 1996; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(5) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 09-065268, (KYOCERA CORP), published March 7, 1997; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;

(6) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 07-038801, (SONY CORP), published February 7, 1995; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof; and

(7) Susuki et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,147,708, issued November 14, 2000.


The Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Nos. (A) 07-038674 reference (2), (A) 08-102877 reference (3), (A) 08-088790 reference (4), (A) 09-065268 reference (5), (A) 07-038801 reference (6) above, are cited in the item (1), “Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal”, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

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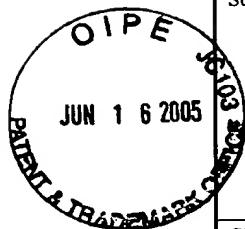
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